

for the amendment, in the course of drafting this bill, we came across the point that this list is required to be published three times. We said why not change that to one. That would save money also. It's kind of new senator's sort of naivete perhaps when that bill came in changing from three to one, had some problems, probably some rightful problems from the press association who feels that the wider, more frequent publication of these is a good idea. They objected to the bill. It was on consent calendar last year. It was pulled off because there were these objections. After visiting with them we decided that there really is not a major need to change from three publications back to one. What this amendment does is it restores the three time publication of the delinquent taxes, so this amendment changes the bill back to the status of the current law in terms of number of publications of this list of delinquent taxes. With the adoption of this amendment the press association says they have absolutely no problem with the date in which the delinquent notices are published. So, there we go.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, I do.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I understand Senator Withem's predicament. You know when the press association says, we want to continue to publish all these little notices that everybody in the world reads, we generally say, okay, press association, particularly if it's an election year, we'll do that for you. Well let me tell you, with the delinquencies of property taxes in rural Nebraska today the newspapers are full of those lists and I don't know anybody that reads them all. Now if you want to force those property taxpayers who are having a tough time paying their property taxes anyhow to subsidize the newspapers a little bit more by publishing that long list three times, then vote for Senator Withem's amendment, but I'm not going to and I urge you not to either. I think his original idea was a good one. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, then Senator Eret, then Senator Withem.